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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Naotaka KABAYASHI *et al.*

Application No.: 10/754,371

Filed: January 9, 2004

For: STORAGE DEVICE  
CONTROLLING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD OF  
CONTROLLING THE SAME

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 7589

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2182

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.